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7/10/2007 11:06:06 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to dgeorges@ptd.net.

dgeorges@ptd.net wrote on 7/9/2007 2:29:53 PM :

Dear Chairman,

You should allow the merger between Sirius and XM radio. By allowing these two companies to merge, it ensures the survival of satellite radio. Without this merger one if not both of these companies will go out of business due to the cost of competing against each other for radio personalities and customers. If one goes out of business then you have a real problem. The remaining company will not have made promises to the FCC to keep costs down. The remaining company will be in financial trouble and those costs will be passed down to the consumers. By allowing this merger you are protecting the public from the negative effects of a monopoly, not encouraging one. Again, it is my fervent belief that these companies SHOULD BE allowed to merge.

Sincerely,
Denise Georges

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JREDDIN2@travelers.com wrote on 7/5/2007 3:54:00 PM :

Dear all,

I am writing you in regards to the impending merger of satellite radio companies. It is a sad state of affairs when our Congress is more concerned with a merger of choice (pay) radio versus a necessity like gasoline. I can only hope that the FCC can recognize and see through the politics of this merger and note its benefits and weaknesses. As a non-user of satellite radio, I feel I am an excellent candidate to speak freely of it.

First, I'll tell you why I'm not a user. One, I'm cheap. I don't believe in paying for something when I can save that \$13 for something else. Two, I don't want to buy satellite radio and all the equipment only for it to go bankrupt later. Obviously the FCC must do what is right for the end user (consumer). What is the downside to a consumer if the merger goes through? Implementing price controls is an option, though I would argue they aren't needed. The only downsides are to the jockeys that have pitted XM and Sirius against each other. The upsides are numerous. Content would increase. Lowered fixed costs would help towards profitability. The myth that satrad has no competition is out of date. HD radio, terrestrial radio, and mp3 players have gained significant market share in recent years. The very fact that the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) opposes the deal is an indicator of the competition.

I hope the FCC does the right thing and focuses on the consumer and stays out of politics. If they do, it benefits the consumer in the long run.

John Redding

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bbarclay123@gmail.com wrote on 7/9/2007 10:44:50 PM :

Good evening,

I felt compelled to write as I just read an article focusing on an xm/sirius merger and how a la carte pricing might be a stipulation. I'm writing because I really hope that we will have a la carte cable someday. If this merger could be a test case for a la carte pricing-please approve the merger. I think that a la carte pricing would finally give the american people the power to decide what they watch. I'm not a prude but there's a lot of violence on tv. The old argument that a viewer can just change the channel doesn't hold water anymore-i feel like i'm walking through a minefield everytime i flip through the channels.Thanks for your time.

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wittwb@yahoo.com wrote on 7/9/2007 5:04:15 PM :

Dear FCC,

I hope you approve the merger of xm and sirius. I have used xm for two years and love the idea that the two companies would merge. I know that there are concerns about a monopoly, but in this day in age, xm/sirius are just one of many ways to get music -- radio, digital radio, ipod, etc.

Thanks for your attention,

Brian

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itsjust4fun@verizon.net wrote on 7/9/2007 7:10:37 PM :

Please listen to the American public, and not the NAB. As a subscriber to satellite radio, there is NO downside to this merger. It has been publicly stated that rates will be frozen, and it could even cost LESS than I currently pay. HOW CAN THIS BE BAD? Remember, if they get too greedy, nobody will pay for the service. Regular radio stinks, I am so happy to pay for the service. Consider the source when listening to the NAB. The regular radio, iPod, HD radio, and the like are all competition to satellite radio. Approve the merger quickly, this has gotten embarrassing!

Michael Gericke

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handler.michael@gmail.com wrote on 7/9/2007 8:24:32 PM :

July 9, 2007

VIA E-MAIL

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The Honorable Kevin Martin
The Honorable Michael Copps
The Honorable Jonathan Adelstein
The Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate
The Honorable Robert McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Consolidated Application for Authority to Transfer Control of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. MB Docket No. 07-57

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I write in support of the consolidated application for authority to transfer control of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. MB Docket No. 07-57 aka "Sirius-XM Satellite Radio merger."

As a Sirius Radio customer, I think that a merger between XM and Sirius would be beneficial to consumers in many ways. By combining companies, subscribers will have more programming options. For a example, a Sirius-XM customer will be able to listen to both Martha Stewart and Oprah radio channels. This is just one of the many examples where a combined company would improve the diversity of channels and therefore benefit the consumer.

The Sirius-XM merger will also improve the satellite radio hardware available to consumers. For example, XM's portable satellite radio player is superior to Sirius', while Sirius has better automobile receiver kits. A combined Sirius-XM will be able to provide better hardware to consumers.

Opponents of the Sirius-XM merger have raised the concern that a combined company will raise prices and therefore hurt consumers. As a consumer, I offer the following response: if Sirius-XM raises the price of satellite radio, it is my right as a consumer to decide if the price they are charging is worth the service they are providing. Since there are countless entertainment options in addition to satellite radio such as the ipod, FM radio and HD (High Definition) radio, I do not feel that I will be entrapped if one company instead of two provides satellite radio. As a consumer, I view Sirius and XM as content providers, the equivalent to an FM radio HBO. In other words, the appeal of Sirius-XM is not that they broadcast radio via satellite, but the radio channels they offer. Thus, for consumers such as myself, the fact that Sirius-XM would have a "monopoly" over the satellite radio industry is a non-issue. From our perspective, they compete within the entertainment industry, where they have a small market share. A combined company would give them a less small market share.

Thank you for your time. I trust that you will evaluate this merger with an open mind and consider the individual consumer's best interest.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael R. Handler

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bouquet252001@yahoo.com wrote on 7/9/2007 11:39:13 PM :

This is a dream come true for consumers!

XM - Sirius would be "Cutting their own throat" by less choice and higher price.

Today, life's necessities include a telephone and television.

Not!!! Satellite radio with its vast competition including free radio.

Thanking You for your Time and Consideration!

Charles Fogarty

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lady_betterton@hotmail.com wrote on 7/10/2007 9:53:09 AM :

Dear FCC Commissioners:

My family and I urge the Federal Communication Commission to reject the merger between XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio unless decency restrictions are applied to the merged satellite company.

The FCC does not require Satellite radio to comply with the decency restrictions that are enforced on terrestrial radio. Approving one satellite radio company with no decency restrictions will cause greater competition disparities between a satellite radio monopoly and terrestrial radio stations.

The FCC should apply indecency restrictions to satellite radio as part of the merger terms between XM and Sirius if the application is to be approved. Otherwise, we urge you to reject the merger because it will create competitive disparities that are unfair to terrestrial radio.

Sincerely,

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7/11/2007 9:10:17 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to kmp2@windstream.net.

kmp2@windstream.net wrote on 7/10/2007 3:47:15 PM :

Kenneth B. Pauling (kmp2@windstream.net) writes:

Hi! I am a retired citizen and not normally political in my emails. The pending merger between Sirius and XM radio is in the public interest. With all the other forms of radio and music, this will not create a monopoly. If the FCC fails to OK this merger, it puts at risk the survival of Satellite radio. If it refuses to listen to overwhelming public opinion and refuses to allow the merger, XM or Sirius might fail and if one fails, you will only have one Satellite radio station anyway! Why risk this? Just insist on the promise of savings and improvement with the granting of the merger. I'm sure someone in the FCC is smart enough to figure out how to grant the merger and set a few conditions to improve it and make it a more positive service to the public and our country. Please listen to the public and be responsive to our request. You have an opportunity to improve satellite radio and make it more affordable, don't blow it!

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fenley.06@comcast.net wrote on 7/10/2007 9:07:28 AM :

Please support the merger of Sirrus and Xmsr as I believe it will be beneficial for its customers and the country in general.

Thanks
John N. Fenley
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rob.mcevitt@fcmstablevalue.com wrote on 7/10/2007 10:49:12 AM :

Why is it taking so long for you to decide on this insignificant merger.

I am a consumer of Sirius and I want the merger to go through so my service will be upgraded.

I am also a shareholder of Sirius and I don't appreciate the "limbo" that my share price has been plaed in by your inaction.

Robert J. McEvitt

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howe.judy.gates1@verizon.net.

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howe.judy.gates1@verizon.net wrote on 7/9/2007 1:06:01 PM :

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Sincerely,

Judith G. Howe
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7/11/2007 9:08:24 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to cowlitz20@gmail.com.

cowlitz20@gmail.com wrote on 7/10/2007 9:58:44 AM :

I support the merger of Sirius and XM.

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Comments
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Net Neutrality

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07-R451180 -- problem description :

erose33@yahoo.com wrote on 6/28/2007 8:11:21 AM :

Dear Commissioner Martin;

Docket 07-52, In the Matter of Broadband Industry Practices

Big telecom companies want to twist how the internet works. They want to set up priority service for a fee and second class service for the rest of us. s

Currently FCC rules require equality on the Internet. Delays, when they occur, affect all communication equally. When it is fast, everyone benefits.

Now the big telecom companies want to change the system so that they can charge for priority service.

This is unfair and unnecessary, and it would pander to corporate profit at public expense and will discourage Internet development in the public sector.

The FCC should keep the rules that have worked so well up till now.

Sincerely,

Emily Antul
Worcester, MA

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